



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dear Education Stakeholders:

We are seeking your feedback on Arizona's request for flexibility waivers under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The purpose of these waivers is not to give states and districts a reprieve from accountability, but rather to move toward one aligned system of school accountability and provide the necessary flexibility at the state and local levels to improve our schools. We have begun to post sections of Arizona's application at www.azed.gov/eseawaiver for public review and feedback prior to our submission on **February 28**.

We welcome your input both before and after the request for ESEA flexibility is submitted to the U.S. Department of Education *next week, February 28*. Please send your questions, comments and concerns to eseawaiver@azed.gov.

Thank you in advance for your feedback. It will be invaluable in helping us to take advantage of this important opportunity to improve education in Arizona for all of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Huppenthal".

John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

